GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:255
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2016
Irregularities in Railways
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is aware of large scale irregularities/ corruption indulged in by the railway men, including running staff and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether cases of corruption and irregularities in booking/ confirmation of waitlisted tickets/berths including those resorted to by the Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) have been brought to the notice of the Railways and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(c) whether any investigation has been undertaken in the matter and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether any monitoring mechanism exists in the Railways to identify such erring officials and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to ensure zero tolerance towards corruption and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.255 BY SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.05.2016 REGARDING IRREGULARITIES IN RAILWAYS

(a) Railways have a well established system for detecting and penalising officials found to have indulged in corrupt/irregular practices. The total number of officials punished during the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 are 4877, 7231 and 6399 respectively.
(b) & (c) Cases of alleged corruption and irregularities in booking/ confirmation of waitlisted tickets/berths, including by TTEs come to notice through complaints and through checks conducted by Commercial and Vigilance Departments. Details of checks carried out in areas of mass contact and action taken are appended. This includes checks carried out on trains, booking offices and Passenger Reservation Systems (PRS).
(d) & (e) Railways have well established systems, rules and procedures which guide its various functions. The Railways also have a vigilance organization, spread over the entire railway system which conducts preventive, decoy and surprise checks. It also investigates complaints of corruption received. If any irregularity is detected, suitable disciplinary action is taken, depending upon the gravity of the charges.
Corrective measures for system improvement and increasing transparency are taken regularly. Some of the recent initiatives include putting details of all tenders on website, stores procurements through e-tendering, reverse auctions, changes in Tatkal reservation processes, registering of indents through Freight Operations Information System (FOIS), on-line allotment of rakes etc. Regular training and seminars are also organized to educate the officials and enhance their knowledge and awareness.
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